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In the absence of Ms. Chatardova (Czechia), Ms. King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 14: Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/73/70; E/2018/56; E/2018/L.17)

1. **Mr. Webson** (Observer for Antigua and Barbuda) Chair, Special Committee on Decolonization, drawing attention to the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/73/70) and to the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council contained in document E/2018/56, said that the 2018 Pacific regional seminar had been held in Grenada in May under the theme "Implementation of the Third International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: social, economic and environmental challenges". He expressed appreciation to the agencies, funds and programmes and organizations that had provided assistance to the Non-Self-Governing Territories, as reflected in document E/2018/56, and requested them to strengthen existing measures and formulate appropriate new programmes for accelerating economic and social progress in those Territories.

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2. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

3. **Mr. Webson** (Observer for Antigua and Barbuda) Chair, Special Committee on Decolonization, introduced the draft resolution.

4. **Mr. Bagwell** (United States of America), speaking in explanation of vote before the voting, said that his delegation would abstain from voting on the draft resolution. It agreed in principle that United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies could provide useful support to territories that were not members of the Organization. However, the domestic laws and policies of a territory's administering Power determined whether such support was allowed, and the language in the draft resolution was inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States of America, which gave the Federal Government sole authority for the conduct of foreign relations.

5. **The President** said that a recorded vote had been requested.

6. *A recorded vote was taken on draft resolution E/2018/L.17.*

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Chile, China, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Belgium, Canada, Czechia, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

7. *Draft resolution E/2018/L.17 was adopted by 15 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.*

The meeting rose at 10.40 a.m.